

June 15, 2018

Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20054

Re: *Ex Parte* disclosure pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b) in WC Docket Nos. 17-287, 11-42, and 09-197 and MB. Docket No. 17-179

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 13, 2018, I met with Evan Swarztrauber, Policy Advisor to Commissioner Brendan Carr, to discuss the National Hispanic Media Coalition's (NHMC) work to improve access to communication services for the Latino community.

I outlined several of NHMC's policy priorities, including Net Neutrality and Lifeline. Regarding the Lifeline proposals detailed in WC Docket Nos. 17-287, 11-42, and 09-197, Fourth Report and Order, Order on Reconsideration, Memorandum Opinion and Order, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Notice of Inquiry, I highlighted several arguments detailed in NHMC's Lifeline comments<sup>1</sup> and reply comments,<sup>2</sup> which are also summarized in a one pager.<sup>3</sup> Additionally, I stated that NHMC opposes the Sinclair-Tribune merger because of its impact on diversity.<sup>4</sup> Although NHMC has not submitted

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See National Hispanic Media Coalition, Comments, WC Docket No. 17-287 (Feb. 21, 2018), <a href="http://www.nhmc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/NHMC-Lifeline-Comments-WC-Docket-17-287-02.21.2018.pdf">http://www.nhmc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/NHMC-Lifeline-Comments-WC-Docket-17-287-02.21.2018.pdf</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See National Hispanic Media Coalition, Reply Comments, WC Docket Nos. 17-287, 11-42, 09-197 (Mar. 23, 2018), <a href="http://www.nhmc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/NHMC-Lifeline-Reply-Comments-03.23.2018.pdf">http://www.nhmc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/NHMC-Lifeline-Reply-Comments-03.23.2018.pdf</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See National Hispanic Media Coalition, Lifeline Helps Bridge the Digital Divide, http://www.nhmc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/06.04.18-NHMC-Lifeline-One-Pager.pdf (last visited June 13, 2018).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See National Hispanic Media Coalition, Sinclair-Tribune Merger Would Impact Diversity, <a href="http://www.nhmc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Sinclair-Merger-One-Pager.pdf">http://www.nhmc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Sinclair-Merger-One-Pager.pdf</a> (last visited June 13, 2018).

comments in MB Docket No. 17-179, it has participated in ex parte meetings.<sup>5</sup> Finally, I reiterated that NHMC and the Commission have a shared goal–to help connect the disconnected.

I respectfully submit this notice of ex parte meeting pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Evan Swarztrauber

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See Letter from Brian Thorn, Coalition to Save Local Media, to Marlene Dortch, Secretary, FCC, MB Docket No. 17-179, Meeting with Kate Black (filed Feb. 2, 2018), <a href="https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10202208748684/CSLM%20-%20ex%20parte%20-%20Jan%2031%202018%20-%20Rosenworcel%2C%20Black.pdf">https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10202208748684/CSLM%20-%20ex%20parte%20-%20Jan%2031%202018%20-%20Rosenworcel%2C%20Black.pdf</a>; and Letter from Brian Thorn, Coalition to Save Local Media, to Marlene Dortch, Secretary, FCC, MB Docket No. 17-179, Meeting with Alison Nemeth (filed Feb. 2, 2018), https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10202984529857/CSLM%20-%20ex%20parte%20-%20Jan%2031%202018%20-%20Nemeth.pdf.